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NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF UKRAINE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the attached note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 14 November 1991 addressed to the Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Moscow be circulated among Member States as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Note verbale dated 14 November 1991 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine addressed to the Embassy of Yugoslavia in Moscow

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Moscow and has the honour to make the following statement.

According to information from the Soviet Danube Shipping Company, over which Ukraine has jurisdiction, on 14 November 1991 at 10 a.m. the tug Voroshilovgrad belonging to that company was proceeding to Austrian ports with barges in tow. During its passage through the port of Vukovar, Yugoslavia, it came under artillery fire. As the result of a direct hit by a shell on the wheelhouse, the vessel was extensively damaged, the third mate, Nikolai Ivanovich Deli, was killed and the chief mate, Boris Alekseevich Makarov, and two crewmen were wounded. Several hours later Makarov died.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine protests in the strongest terms about the incident and demands that the Yugoslavian side take all necessary measures to help the victims, to conduct an inquiry into the incident and to fulfil its obligations to ensure free navigation in accordance with the 1948 Belgrade Convention Concerning the Regime of Navigation on the Danube.